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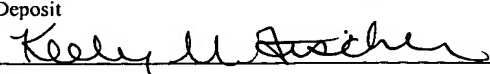

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98

Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (5 pages) is provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application. The cited documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are not provided herewith as they have been previously provided in connection with U.S. Serial Nos. 10/635,776 and 09/544,930, now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,534, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120.

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449, with the exception of items DO and DY, are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R.

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§1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

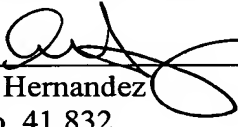
Further to the list provided in the communication mailed on October 19, 2004, Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:

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Although these documents are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the references is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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